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## ***Carolyn Caywood named 2006 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award recipient***

CHICAGO – Carolyn Caywood, manager of the Virginia Beach Public Library’s Bayside Area Library and Special Services Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, is the recipient of the 2006 Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) Roll of Honor Award.

Caywood is a past FTRF Trustee and currently is the Intellectual Freedom Round Table’s (IFRT) representative to the American Library Association’s (ALA) Council. She also has served as chair of IFRT and of the Virginia Library Association’s Intellectual Freedom Committee. A strong advocate for youth, Caywood wrote a column for *School Library Journal* from 1990 through 1998; she also testified before the U.S. Congress, supporting the rights of young people in regard to the Child Online Protection Act and the Children’s Internet Protection Act. A librarian since 1972, Caywood has worked in the Virginia Beach Public Library system since 1979. In 2004, she was named one of 27 *New York Times* Librarians of the Year.

“Carolyn was a clear choice for this year’s Roll of Honor Award,” said FTRF Executive Director Judith Krug. “She is a highly active leader in advocating for intellectual freedom and for young people in Virginia and around the country. She has been a terrific supporter and promoter of the Freedom to Read Foundation for two decades. And she has brought her talents to bear in helping to formulate and pass landmark intellectual freedom policies within the American Library Association. I look forward to seeing Carolyn accept this award and seeing her name in the illustrious company of the other Roll of Honor awardees.”

The award will be presented at the 2006 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference during its Opening General Session on Saturday, June 22, from 5:30–7 p.m., at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

The Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor was established in 1987 to recognize and honor those individuals who have contributed substantially to FTRF through adherence to its principles and/or substantial monetary support. FTRF was founded in 1969 to promote and defend the right of individuals to freely express ideas and to access information in libraries and elsewhere. FTRF fulfills its mission through the disbursement of grants to individuals and groups, primarily for the purpose of aiding them in litigation, and through direct participation in litigation dealing with freedom of speech and of the press.